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FOR SCARRITT FROM JACKSON

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SUBJ: REMODELLING OF CHANCERY AND LINCOLN CENTER;
GENERAL SERVICES PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 213735

1. DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF YOUR ANTICIPATED VISIT TO POST.
AMBASSADOR INVITES YOU TO STAY AT RESIDENCE DURING VISIT.

2. LACKING ASSISTANCE FROM A QUALIFIED TDY'ER WE WILL MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP PROJECTS MOVING AIDED BY CHRISTIAN AND
RASMUSSEN SINCE WE DO NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE IN ANY WAY DUFFY'S
ASSIGNMENT. WE UNDERSTAND, TOO, RELUCTANCE TO CAUSE ADDITIONAL
CHANGE IN LA PRADE'S MOVEMENT.

3. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RETURNED AND REVIEWED OUR SEVERAL
LAYOUTS FOR INTERNAL MOVES. HE HAS APPROVED THE
SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING THE SINGLE ENTRY ON TENTH
FLOOR, AND CONCENTRATION OF SECURITY FORCES ADJACENT TO
ENTRANCE. HE ALSO CONCURS IN OUR REQUEST TO HIRE ARCHITECT
TO PLAN RELOCATION OF OFFICE SPACE AND ENTRY, TO PREPARE
DESIGN TO ELIMINATE FORTRESS-LIKE EFFECT OF THAT AREA,AND
TO CONCENTRATE ON IMPROVEMENTS IN APPEARANCE OF CONSULAR SECTION.

4. THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDIMF SCOPE
OF PLANNED REMODELING. THERE ARE NO STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS TO
BE MADE. CHANGES CONSIST OF CONSTRUCTION OF SECURITY COMPLEX AND
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RELOCATION OR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PARTITIONS IN BOTH NINTH AND

TENTH FLOORS. AN OUTSIDE ESTIMATE OF TOTAL COSTS AMOUNTING TO M\$142,000 (US\$56,800) HAS BEEN PROJECTED BY THE LOCAL ARCHITECT. THIS ESTIMATE, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN PUT TO BID AND IS PROBABLY ON THE HIGH SIDE.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ARE INITIATING IMMEDIATELY THE CHANGES CONTEMPLATED FOR THE NINTH FLOOR AND MOVING THE CONSULATE TO THE TENTH FLOOR TO OPERATE TEMPORARILY FROM SPACE LOANED BY USIS. THE LOW BID TO COVER CONVERSION OF THE NINTH FLOOR AMOUNTED TO M\$10,600 (US\$4,240).

6. ADDITIONALLY, TO PROVIDE INTERIM PROTECTION OF MSG AND RECEPTIONIST WHILE STILL OPERATING FROM ENTRANCE ON ELEVENTH FLOOR, WE ARE INSTALLING IMMEDIATELY SHEET STEEL PLATES ACROSS DESKS OF BOTH EMPLOYEES.

7. WHILE YOUR VISIT WILL PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OUR PLANS ON THE GROUND, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THERE SHOULD BE A FURTHER TWO WEEK DELAY IN PROCEEDING WITH ESSENTIAL REORGANIZATION OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS HERE. REQUEST THEREFORE THAT YOU AUTHORIZE HIRE OF LOCAL ARCHITECT. AMBASSADOR CONCURS. UNDERHILL

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